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SEIZED NARCOTICS LYING IN GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of seized narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of the Narcotics Control Bureau across the country, drug-wise alongwith the time since when it is lying;

(b) whether the concerned Act provide for pre-trial disposal of seized drugs;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in getting mandatory court approval for early disposal of seized drugs; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to dispose of entire quantity of seized drugs lying in godowns at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The details of the total quantity of narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of the Narcotics Control Bureauare given in the Annexure. These drugs were seized during various operations over a period of time and some of these seized drugs are lying in the godowns since 1987.

(b) : Section 52A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 provides for pre-trial disposal of narcotic drugs.

(c) & (d) : After completion of the on-going review by the Narcotics Control Bureau of all the drugs lying in its godowns, pre-trial disposal of the drugs can be undertaken with the permission of the Courts concerned.